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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 16, 1893. 1616

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on FRIDAY, 15th September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1893, and with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that is competently brought before the Meeting.

The Trading BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 15th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1893. 1484

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Seventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 15th Proximo, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 24, 1893. 1479

"AQUARIUS."

THE TABLE WATER OF THE EAST.

Per 1 dozen Quarts, \$1.75, less allowance on empties returned to our Godowns, \$0.50. Net price, \$1.25.

Per 1 dozen Pints, \$1.00, less allowance on empties returned to our Godowns, \$0.50. Net price, \$0.75.

GALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., Sole Agents.

13, QUEEN'S ROAD, Hongkong, August 23, 1893. 1473

TRADE MAIL.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 13, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 13, 1891. 1612

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. Special attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommodation for Table Boarders. Central situation.

Mrs. MATHER,
2 and 3 Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital, £1,000,000. Subscribed, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors.

D. GILLIES, Esq. H. STOLTZFOOTH, Esq.

CHAN KEE, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. E. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.

LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMOY.

Bankers.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PARIS'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

do 6 do. do. 4½%.

do 3 do. do. 3½%.

Current Accounts 2½%.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital, £1,500,000.

Subscribed, £1,125,000.

Branches.

LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMOY.

Bankers.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months.....5%

For 6 Months.....4%

For 3 Months.....3%

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN,
AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

Subscribed Capital, £2,000,000.

Capital called up, £251,093.15.0.

Board of Directors.

W.M. KENWICK, Esq., Chairman.

Adolf von Andrée, Esq. H. D. SASSOON, Esq.

Egbert Iveson, Esq. F. D. Stewart, Esq.

David McLean, Esq.

Banking Committee.

The Hon. Sir J. J. KERSEY.

The Hon. Sir G. P. CHATER.

H. HORSES, Esq.

Head Office:

3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

Branches:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

Agencies:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP

SHARES of this Company will be transferred on which the Calls on the NEW SHARES standing in the same Name, remain unpaid.

By Order.

R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

MITSUBU BUSSAN KAISHA
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1892. 1744

Freshness of the Coal.

Uniformity of quality.

Freedom from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

Best of weight, etc., etc.

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a bituminous Coal of dark reddish colour. For Steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the best, and the most economical of all the JAPANESE COALS.

The export is increasing yearly, and the opinion expressed by several of the largest regular consumers is in testimony of the EXCELLENT QUALITIES OF THIS COAL.

Attention is called to the following ADVANTAGES to Shipowners and Captains, who Coal their Bunkers direct from the Undersigned:

Freshness of the Coal.

Uniformity of quality.

Freedom from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

Best of weight, etc., etc.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW GOODS.

A LARGE SELECTION of WHITE AND STRIPE FLANNELS AND

SERGE.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS AND COATINGS.

TERAI HATS (ALL COLOURS) AND SUN HATS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WATERPROOF COATS AND UMBRELLAS.

etc., etc., etc.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892. 1842

R. TUCKER, Manager.

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW SEASON'S ISIGNY BUTTER, 1, 2 and 7 lb Tins.

WILTSHIRE BACON in Canvass.

STREAKY BREAKFAST BACON in Tins.

Selected YORK HAMS.

MILD CANADIAN CHEESE.

CONFITURE DE ST. JAMES' FRENCH JAMS.

BABES' ENGLISH JAMS.

DESSERT FRUITS in Syrup.

AMERICAN PRUNES, FRENCH PRUNES.

S MYRNA FIGS.

ANCHOVIES, Boston Balot BEANS, Boar's HEAD, BRAINY, BUCKWHEAT,

CLOVER, CLAMS, GELATINE, HADDOCKS, HERRINGS,

HONEY, JELLY, LOBSTER, MACKEREL, Maple SYRUP,

MUSHROOMS, OLIVES, Pig FEET, PILCHARDS.

A USTRALIAN RABBITS.

SALMON, SARDINES, SAUSAGES, TAN FRUITS, TONGUES, Turkey

RAGOUT, TRUFFLES, TRIPES.

VEGETABLES.

LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

FRUIT SYRUP.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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Intimations.

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1893.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria, Tuesday | August 29.
Tacoma, Thursday | Sept. 28.
Moqui, Thursday | Oct. 19.
Victoria, Thursday | Nov. 9.
Tacoma, Tuesday | Dec. 12.
Moqui, Tuesday | Jan. 2/4.

THE Steamship *VICTORIA*, Capt. J. T. FANTON, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 29th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA and SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Points.

General Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate;

and one copy must be sent forward by the 27th Instant to the Freight Agent.

Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with

address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or

Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 10, 1893. 1495

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSHALLS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:

1496

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th September, 1893, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *YARRA*, Commandant de MAGEUR, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marselles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 5th September, 1893. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Consignee and value of Packages required.

For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 24, 1893. 1474

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Osceola, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama) ... THURSDAY, Sept. 5.

Gaotie (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Island Sea, and Yokohama) ... THURSDAY, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m.

Baptie (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Island Sea, and Yokohama) ... THURSDAY, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m.

THE Steamship *OCEANIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 6th September, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Postage should be marked to the address of the Consul, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

General Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central, J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1893. 1435

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GALVESTON, German barque, Captain H. Jakobson.—Wistler & Co.

GEORGE STEPHENSON, American ship, Capt. P. L. Murphy.—Wardine, Matheson & Co.

Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW PORT, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Onya* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 27th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods remain undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-day.

For further information as to Passage or

Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central,

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893. 1493

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 34 (SPECIAL).

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR.

Vessels not to attempt to cross the Bar when drawing more water than is signalled.

THE CHANNEL ACROSS the Woosung

A INNER Bar has begun to silt up again, and the experience of last autumn proved that the grounding of a single vessel on the Bar may cause a sudden decrease of more than two feet in the depth in this channel, Captain and Pilots are hereby

notified not to attempt to cross the Bar when the signals at the Woosung Station indicate less water than the vessel is drawing.

N.B.—It is sometimes the case that a greater depth than is signalled can be obtained by following a track which cannot be indicated by the Bar Marks. Captain and Pilots wishing for further information than that shown by the signals should apply to the Harbour Master's Office at Shanghai or to the Boating Officer at Woosung.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Hongkong, August 21, 1893. 1469

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Daphne*, Captain F. Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

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Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central,

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1893. 1494

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. 1498

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 27.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

HARREN ISLANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that Captain R. H. HARVEY of the Chinese S.S. *Yung Ching* reports having seen heavy BREAKERS bearing about S. by E. 4 E. and about one mile from the Largest of the BAKER ISLANDS.

By Order of the Inspector General of

Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Hongkong, August 21, 1893. 1499

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 28.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship

Fokion,

Captain DAVIS, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893. 1496

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 29.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Lymore,

Capt. G. HEUERMANN,

will be despatched for the above

Port on TUESDAY, the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Siemssen & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893. 1490

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 30.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship

Enderby,

Captain TAYLOR, will be

despatched for the above

Port on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Siemssen & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893. 1491

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 31.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIODO.

The Steamer

Krienschild,

Captain KRIENSCHILD,

will be despatched for the above

Port on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHAW & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893. 1497

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 32.

THE CHINA MAIL.

This will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at the Peak Church to-morrow at 8 o'clock, and evening service at 6. Right Rev. Bishop Borlton will preach at the Cathedral at evensong.

The R.M.S. Empress of India, from Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., arrived at Shanghai, at 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday), and leaves at 10 p.m., on the same day, for Hongkong, where she may be expected at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th August.

Our Tonkinian contemporary, *L'Indépendance du Tonkin*, states, on the 14th inst., that two young Englishmen arrived at Hanoi in light-skiffs or canoes, having rowed up the Red River from the sea, against a strong current, in forty hours. They stated that along with another young man, who had not arrived owing to an accident to his boat on the way up the river, they were on a cruise along the coast from Hongkong to Singapore in fulfillment of their powers by rowing round the small lake in 7 miles. 23 seconds. Unfortunately, the two following issues of our contemporary are missing from our exchanges, so it has not been ascertained if the people of Hanoi have discovered they were being hoaxed. On the face of it, it would appear that the young men were drawing the long bow, for there is no record here of any young men having set out on such a foolhardy expedition.

DAMAGE to the extent of nearly \$20,000 was done by a fire which took place in Second Street last night. The fire broke out between eight and nine o'clock, and the whole building was soon ablaze. Turning out promptly, the Fire Brigade directed their efforts chiefly to confining the fire to the house in which it had originated. In this they were successful, but practically nothing was saved from the house, which is occupied by the Kwan Mo as a tea storing and packing depot, with an adjunctory tea-box factory. The damage to the stock is covered by insurance in the office of the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company (Messrs. Sjømann and Co., agents), the policy being for \$15,000. The fire was caused by a kerosene lamp. A boy sent by one of the masters of the shop to the cock-loft to get some clothes from a box, laid the lamp down near a bundle of paper wrappings which caught fire. The flames spread too rapidly to be checked by the people in the house. Mr. Wodehouse has released the house from police supervision as there were no suspicious circumstances. Valuable aid was given in pumping water by the floating fire engines from Tsim-tee-teeo.

The following circular has been addressed by the Marquess of Salisbury to the Conservative peers:—London, July 7, 1893.

"My Lord,—As far as it is possible to forecast, the probable course of Parliament's business, it appears likely that the second reading of the Home Rule Bill will be proposed in the House of Lords at the end of August or the beginning of September. It is very desirable that every peer who is opposed to the Bill should record his vote on this occasion. I venture, therefore, to hope that you will arrange your engagements so that it may be possible for you to be in London when the second reading is proposed.—I have the honour to be, your obedient servant," (Signed) SALISBURY."

Similar circulars to that issued by Lord Salisbury will be issued by Lord Kimberley to supporters of the Government, and by the Duke of Devonshire to the Liberal Unionist peers.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That the Tetratos controversy is still agitating many minds, and seems to be entitled to take the place of the missing-word competition in popularity.

That the best man on the subject is that the steamer was not only "fitted out" but she was not even "fitted."

That you are fitted with a garment when you try it on in an almost complete stage, but you are fitted with it only when you rejoice in the possession of the finished article.

That all the same, the Tetratos was admittedly "fitted" according to this argument, for it was never contended that somebody was not "trying it on."

That the Attorney General was exceedingly fretful and almost wildish when the question of costs was argued, but he made one point (made, by the way, in this column last week) when he said that if ever there was a case in which the community should not be taxed it was this case.

That in view of the fact that the briefest note or intimation at the beginning would have prevented the whole mischief, perhaps the Governor may see his way to misleading the officials concerned in any costs that may be awarded.

That I see the Honourable Attorney General, in his endeavour to prove that the owner of the Tetratos should not obtain costs in against the Crown, makes use of the following words:—"We cannot gauge the jury's opinions and therefore I think it is rather undesirable that there should be any writing in the paper about them."

That, to begin with, Mr. Goodman must be mistaken or misreported when he speaks of "the jury's opinions," as they appeared to be unanimous of one opinion.

That the Attorney General's estimate of the particular jury referred to may be so low—it is apparent from his language throughout—that his estimate is not over-high—that he thinks their opinions don't deserve to be written about in the papers.

That at the first glance this reference to "any writing in the papers" looked like an unjustified gag on the liberty of the press—a sort of guillotine-like closure upon a fair discussion of the verdict given to steal things; I awakened all my foibles.

That upon second thoughts I fancy the remark was merely a piece of sarcasm intended to witter the members of that jury which has given him learned Attorney-Generalship so much trouble and vexation.

That Mr. Goodman, speaking of the same jury, admits the same was tried before a very good tribunal; but he specially mentioned that he was "quite candid" in so describing the jurors, and therefore his previous disparaging remarks must have been in the purest vein.

That it might be fairly asked—Given

slighted blamelessness on the part of the officials, and a "very good tribunal" of jurors, what was the cause of the breakdown?

That you may think perhaps it is "unpleasant that there should be any writing in the papers about it."

That any fellow who desires an answer to the question may obtain it by asking the first person he meets—an unofficial resident, perhaps a shopkeeper. That I met an old Volunteer the other day, who does not think the Volunteer Force here has been constituted or managed as it ought to have been; and he grows heavily as an old Volunteer only can do. That, after all the trouble taken and all the dredging over the business, the adage applies, "much skulking but little o'er."

That the question always comes round, from our quiet or another, "Who looks after our road?"

That the pebbles stones, like the above question, will come in contact to the surface, and that many roads are very rough and unpleasant paths, even for the coolies who pull and carry.

That some one in the P.W.D. is always ready to co-operate at the roads after this old and useless fashion, and the pebbles very soon become possession.

That I hear a meeting of Legislative Council is called for an early day, when something fresh politically should be forthcoming.

That the mixture known as the Retrenchment Commission至今 has not been satisfactorily broached as yet, as some of the ingredients refuse to mix.

That the principal ingredient has declined to get mixed, and the Executive is more worried than ever now.

That I rather think a small constitutional crisis has arisen or will arise over this affair.

That the subject of cremation has been forced somewhat painfully upon public attention this week owing to the death of one of our oldest lady residents, who, moreover, was much respected in the Colony.

That until appliances have been obtained by means of which the last solemn rite for the dead may be performed with dignity and propriety by incineration, public sentiment will pressurize a strong barrier against the innovation.

That the scientific and sanitary cremation may be the true and best means of disposing of our dead.

That, at the same time, the deeply-rooted sentiment of scruples felt even towards the "mortal coil" of departed friends will check any premature introduction of cremation into this Colony.

That in this connection, science may satisfy sentiment in good time, but it can never override it.

That the Dock Company are to be congratulated upon having raised the sunken and covered and evil-smelling wreck of the *Ariago* which has been lying in the Harbour for the last five weeks.

That this added to the credit of the port have enhanced as the profit factor.

That the Chinese at work believe the cracker firing had as much to do with the collision as the trial later did with the collision and the pumps.

That, speaking of cracker-firing and joss-paper fires, there has been far too much blaring during this Autumn festival—much more than formerly—and the Police seem to have no orders on the subject.

That a certain amount of demonstrations by fire is permitted is perhaps right, but the precautions of iron gratings and so forth have been entirely cast aside.

That there is danger in such laxity, and also much inconvenience and discomfort.

That I bear His Excellency has consented to a nautical investigation into the so-called weather forecasts which issue from the Hongkong Observatory.

That we may get into the less dangerous semi-circle of the typhoons to-night.

BROWNE.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the fatal accident to Mr. H. Skene on the 24th inst.

Paul Bohm stated—About a quarter to four o'clock on the morning of the 24th inst., I was asleep in bed in Windsor Hotel when I was awakened by hearing a heavy crash. I got up, and asked the watchman what was wrong. He said something had fallen outside. As I was passing the alley between the Hotel and the Chartered Mercantile Bank I heard groans. The gate of the alley was locked. I returned to the Hotel, got a lamp and proceeded to the alley, where I found Mr. Skene in a sitting position between the shafts of a rickshaw. I asked him the question "Are you much hurt?" He answered "Yes." With the assistance of a watchman I carried him out of the alley into the backyard intending to carry him into the Hotel. We had to go over a heavy, and we laid him down while I went away to get assistance, telling the watchman to attend to him. When I returned the deceased said "Take me home." He was getting weaker. I got him taken into the lower floor of the Bank, and telephoned for Dr. Jordan, who came in a quarter of an hour. Mr. Skene died in a few minutes afterwards in my presence. Mr. Joyce was also present. Dr. Jordan, a policeman, a fireman, and a lot of Chinese. When I first saw the deceased he was conscious. He did not say what had happened to him. He was wearing a strong only.

Chun Chu, watchman, Chartered Mercantile Bank, stated—On the morning of the 24th inst. I heard a crash, and thought it was some one trying to come in to Shaking Bowls.

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After making a search I saw the deceased lying in the alley, badly hurt. I last saw him about 11 p.m. on the previous night. He came in then and went to his room, which is on the second door facing the Windsor Hotel. So far as I could see he appeared to be all right.

Mr. Jordan stated—I was telephoned for about half-past three on the morning of the 24th inst. to go to the Merchant's Hotel. I saw the deceased lying in the lobby of the Bank. He was unconscious. There were signs of blood on the floor. Upon examining him, I found that the left leg, the upper arm, and five fingers were fractured. There were also several sharp gashes on different parts of the body. There was a lump on the forehead and a gash under the head. He died about five minutes after my arrival. I could do nothing for him.

I knew the deceased to be Mr. Skene, the employ of the Lanc Investment Company. His opinion death resulted from the fall of the great capital is probably of a similar size to the rapid approach of a comet thirty times the size of the world. M. Flammarion incidentally prophesies dismal things as to the development of the Proses, which in think will go from bad to worse. He does not carry his story down further than the first part of the debate, in which various theories are advanced as to the development of the comet.

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THE LAST DAYS OF THE WORLD.

In the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* for March, M. Camille Flammarion begins an imaginative account of the destruction of the world, which is entitled "Omega: The Last Days of the World." The scene is laid in Paris, several hundred years hence, and the article deserves, and will receive, considerable attention an the scientific imagination.

THE APPROACH OF THE COMET.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

(*Hanover Gazette*.)

THE CLOSING OF THE MINES.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.
(FROM BLACK AND WHITE.)

Scene—A Drawing-room in Bryanston-square. Time—After Dinner. Beauty (aged 20); Beast (aged 35).

Beauty.—Robert, dear, I want to speak to you.

Beast (from behind evening paper).—Well?

Beauty.—When you've quite finished the paper, dear.

Beast.—Oh, fire away.

Beauty.—I went to see Mrs Cholmondeley after the drawing-room to-day. She had a lovely gown.

Beast.—Always thought Cholmondeley an ass.

Beauty.—I like him; and, after all, if we have a Queen on the throne—

Beast.—I didn't put her there.

Beauty.—I wonder that, as a Conservative, can talk like that. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Robert, dear, Mrs Cholmondeley was so surprised to hear that I had never been presented. She said I should find it such an advantage in travelling.

Beast.—Why, it doesn't get you a free pass, does it?

Beauty (puffily).—Don't be silly. Robert, of course, unless one has been presented to her, one can't go to Court when one's abroad.

Beast.—Don't want to go to Court. Besides, the Emperor never asked us when we were last in Germany—not that I remember.

Beauty.—You wouldn't leave cards at the Embassy.

Beast.—Not such a snob.

Beauty.—You never seem to care in the least about taking your proper place in society, or keeping up your position.

Beast.—I'd a real rather keep up my balance. (A pause. Beauty gapes mournfully into the fire.) Beast reads the tape-prices.)

Beauty.—Mrs Cholmondeley thinks I should look as well in a Court train.

Beast.—You're pretty enough for me without that enhancement, darling.

Beauty.—I should have thought you'd have been pleased to let your wife be seen and admired. Most husbands would.

Beast.—Isn't my admiration enough?

Beauty.—Mr Cholmondeley said it was a shame that I didn't go out more.

Beast.—Cholmondeley had better devote himself to managing his own wife. That's quite enough to keep his hands full.

Beauty.—Don't you mean to do as I ask, Robert?

Beast.—Can't afford money for such nonsense, my dear.

Beauty.—You promised—now—that you'd do everything I asked.

Beast.—Well, you see, Dolly, you said you'd never ask for anything I didn't want to give you.

Beauty.—Oh, I daresay I was very silly. (With affected politeness.) The folly was entirely on my side.

Beauty (digitized).—I shan't ask you again.

Beast (sheerly).—There's a dear, reasonable little woman!

Beauty.—Robert, at the Cholmondeleys, I met—so I was listening?

Beast (impressed in paper).—Oh, yes, dear.

Beauty.—I met someone I hadn't seen for a long while. Do you remember Charlie Ferrars? You know whom I mean?

Beast (growling).—Oh, yes, I know whom you mean.

Beauty.—He wasn't the least changed.

Beast.—Sorry to hear it.

Beauty.—He was so glad to see me, Robert. We had a long talk together. He's got on so wonderfully. His uncle's dead, you know, and he's got all the money, and he's going into business again.

Beast.—I'm the fellow.

Beauty.—Well, I'm sure you needn't be sorry very nicely about you.

Beauty.—Much obliged to him, I'm sure.

Beauty.—He's married, Robert. His wife was at the Drawing-room too.

Beast.—See what you refused.

Beauty (with epithet).—Yes; but he was so nice about it.

Beast (at last looking up).—About what?

Beauty (affectionate confusion).—Oh, I mean—we got talking about old times, and—what would have happened if—What are you looking at, Robert?

Beast.—Nothing. Go on.

Beauty.—And that I oughtn't to ask you for what you couldn't afford. He said that of course he was a rich man and could give his wife what she liked, but that, no doubt, you did all you could and we oughtn't to blame you. Wasn't it nice of him?

Beast.—Oh, infernally nice of him.

Beauty.—He knew your business hadn't been doing very well lately.

Beast.—Well, I'm—

Beauty (quickly).—And that, of course, as soon as you got on a little and we hadn't live in quite such a manner.

Beast (Red).—I'm not available.

Beauty.—He told me to be patient and my mind being not going out and being tired, you know, and—Robert, dear, I think he was right, and I won't bother you about the Drawing-room any more, dear. Of course, the Ferrars are in quite a different position from us.

Beast (allured).—Yes; my father wasn't a tailor.

Beauty.—Mr Ferrars' father was not a tailor, Robert. He was a contractor for army clothing. Anyhow, they're much better off than we are.

Beast.—My paper is as good as Ferrars's in the city, any day.

Beauty.—Oh, I assumed Mr Ferrars was much better off than you. Of course, everybody thinks so.

Beast.—Why?

Beauty.—Look at what he spends! (sighs.)

Beast (easily).—Nothing. Well, I think I shall go upstairs, Robert. I'm rather tired. (She turns towards the door.)

Beast.—Dolly!

Beauty.—I'm here, Robert.

Beast (sternly).—I'll thank you not to discuss me with Ferrars again.

Beauty.—Very well, Robert; but I assure you he said nothing but what—

Beast.—Like his beastly cheek! I know the fellow.

Beauty.—Have you anything else to say, Robert?

Beast.—No. (Beauty turns towards door.)

Beast.—Dolly!

Beauty.—Yes, Robert.

Beast.—I won't be bothered about this confounded Drawing-room.

Beast.—I've promised not to—

Beauty (reverently).—I won't have anything to do with the thing. I think it's all rot—esobihi rot. That's what I think.

Beauty (soothingly).—Yes, I know. I dare say you are right, dear.

Beast (funny).—I've been worried to death about it. I won't listen to another syllable.

Beauty.—I hear, dear.

Beast (scanning paper and enveloping himself in its folds).—If you must go to the stolid Drawing-room, and have done with it, and send me the bill.

Beast (gaily).—Oh, Robert, you don't want to spend money when your business is so—

Beast.—I'll count sovereigns against Fer-

ra any day.

Beast (softly).—Do you really mean I may, Robert?

Beast.—Oh go and go and enjoy yourself, my dear.

Beast.—Oh, how charming of you, Robert! And may I get a really nice dress and—?

Beast.—Oh, do the thing properly, if you must do it.

Beast.—Thank you, Robert. (She kisses his forehead.) Beast retreats within newspaper.) I knew you would let me do it. I'm happy.

Beast.—Glad to hear it. (Beauty goes towards door.) Dolly—

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Beast.—Oh, I won't spend too much, dear.

Beast.—Just take care that your dress—

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